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SUBJ: REPORT TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON
AMCIT PRISONERS IN MEXICO

REF: MEXICO 13459

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTELS B AND C REMAINS
BASICALLY THE SAME AS REPORTED BY THIS CONSULATE GENERAL.
FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONTINUES TO NOTIFY US
PROMPTLY OF ARRESTS OF US CITIZENS, ALTHOUGH CITY AND
STATE POLICE FAIL TO DO SO. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW CASES
OF ILLEGAL SEIZURE OF PROPERTY AND ONLY ONE CLAIM OF
PHYSICAL ABUSE. THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER
OF ARREST CASES, WHICH MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO PROSECUTE PERSONS WHO ARE
APPREHENDED WITH SMALL AMOUNTS OF DRUGS FOR PERSONAL USE.
THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF LONG-TERM
PRISONERS, PRESENTLY 19 AS COMPARED TO 40 TWO YEARS AGO.
THE ONLY AMERICAN PRISONER INCARCERATED AT THE STATE
PENITENTIARY, CHIHUAHUA, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL C, HAS BEEN
RELEASED. EXTORTION BY PRISON AUTHORITIES, INADEQUATE
REPRESENTATION BY PRIVATE AND COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS
AS INADEQUATE MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE CONTINUE TO PLAGUE
PRISONERS.

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2. THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION, WHICH CAME INTO OFFICE IN
1973 AND IS ABOUT TO GO OUT, HAS BEEN DISPOSED TO COOPERATE
WITH THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. THE MAYOR
AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE HAVE BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN
INVESTIGATING OUR COMPLAINTS, AND WE EXPECT THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION TO DO LIKEWISE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TOURIST TRADE IS BEING GIVEN GREATER
EMPHASIS.
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